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Second Regular Session - 2014

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1419

BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONEYS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015; LIMITING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS; AND PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the following amounts to be expended for the designated expense classes, from the listed funds for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015:

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11		FOR	FOR	FOR	TRUSTEE AND	
12		PERSONNEL	OPERATING	CAPITAL	BENEFIT	
13		COSTS	EXPENDITURES	OUTLAY	PAYMENTS	TOTAL
14	FROM:					
15	General					
16	Fund	\$4,539,400	\$3,957,700	\$1,500	\$24,600	\$8,523,200
17	Indirect Cost Recovery	7				
18	Fund	693,800	560,800			1,254,600
19	Driver's Training					
20	Fund	167,200	151,000	5,400	2,113,300	2,436,900
21	Public Instruction					
22	Fund	661,600	844,400	9,600	11,400	1,527,000
23	Miscellaneous Revenue					
24	Fund	717,600	2,112,500	15,200		2,845,300
25	Public Schools Other Income					
26	Fund	88,000	362,000			450,000
27	Federal Grant					
28	Fund	4,723,900	12,432,600	28,000	82,200	17,266,700
29	TOTAL	\$11,591,500	\$20,421,000	\$59,700	\$2,231,500	\$34,303,700

SECTION 2. FTP AUTHORIZATION. In accordance with Section 67-3519, Idaho Code, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized no more than one hundred forty-one (141) full-time equivalent positions at any point during the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, unless specifically authorized by the Governor. The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee will be notified promptly of any increased positions so authorized.

SECTION 3. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. It is the intent of the Legislature, working cooperatively with the Governor's Office, the Division of Human Resources, and the Division of Financial Management, to progress toward the goal of funding a competitive salary and benefit package that will attract qualified applicants, retain employees committed to public service excellence, motivate employees to maintain high standards of productivity, and reward employees for outstanding performance by:

- 1) Adjusting the compensation schedule upwards by 1% to move the salary structure toward market; and
- 2) Continuing the job classifications that are currently on payline exception to address specific recruitment or retention issues; and
- 3) Funding an ongoing 1% salary increase for state employees, and funding the equivalent of a one-time 1% bonus for state employees, based upon employee merit, with flexibility in distribution as determined by the agency directors.

The Legislature also finds that investing in state employee compensation should remain a high priority even in tough economic times, and therefore strongly encourages agency directors, institution executives and the Division of Financial Management to approve the use of salary savings to provide either one-time or ongoing merit increases for deserving employees and also to target employees who are below policy compensation. Such salary savings could result from turnover and attrition, or be the result of innovation and reorganization efforts that create savings. Such savings should be reinvested in employees. Agencies are cautioned to use one-time funding for one-time payments and ongoing funding for permanent pay increases.